

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating uplink signaling by a UE receiving a multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS), the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS over a MBMS control channel;

(b) in case a UE is in IDLE mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for an RRC (Radio ResourceControl) Connection establishment constructed using the received indication; and

(c) receiving, by the UE, a response message in response to the uplink signaling message.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein step (b) further comprises:~~

in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH, or URA_PCH mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for a Cell Update constructed using the received indication.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein ~~for the UE that is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH or URA_PCH mode, a message included in said uplink signaling message~~ for a Cell Update ~~[[is]]comprises~~ a Cell Update message.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein for the UE in IDLE mode, a message included in said uplink signaling message for an RRC Connection establishment~~ [[is]] comprises an RRC Connection Request message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for cell update" included in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS channel parameters".

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein ~~[[the]]~~a value for ~~[[the]]~~a field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein ~~[[the]]~~a value for ~~[[the]]~~a field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for connection establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS channel parameter".

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~[[the]]~~a value for ~~[[the]]~~a field named "Reason for connection establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS PtP mode".

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~[[the]]~~a value for ~~[[the]]~~a field named ~~[[the]]~~ "Reason for connection Establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3,~~wherein~~ further comprising ~~steps of~~:

sending a Radio Link Establishment Request message by a SRNC to a DRNC if an Iur interface exists and a reason for cell update included in said uplink signaling message is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14,~~wherein~~ further comprising ~~steps of~~:

adding the UE into a context of the MBMS by the DRNC by adding a number of participating UEs by 1 after receiving the Radio Link Establishment Request message, and if the increase of the number of participating UEs makes a channel type of the MBMS change from PtP to PtM, the DRNC sending a Radio Link Establishment Failure message to the SRNC.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3,~~wherein~~ further comprising ~~steps of~~:

keeping the UE in CELL_FACH state and sending a Common Transport Channel Resource Initialization message to the DRNC by the SRNC if the Iur interface exists and the SRNC knows that a destination cell under the DRNC uses PtM as the channel type of the MBMS.

17. (Currently Amended) A multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS) user equipment (UE) for initiating uplink signaling, the UE comprising:

a receiver for receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS over the MBMS control channel and for receiving a response message in response to an uplink signaling message; and

a transmitter for, in case the UE is in IDLE mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting the uplink signaling

message for an RRC (Radio ~~Resource~~Resource Control) Connection establishment constructed using the received indication.

18. (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 17, wherein the transmitter, in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH, or URA_PCH mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmits the uplink signaling message for a Cell Update using the received indication.

19. (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 17, ~~in case a UE is in IDLE mode,~~ wherein the uplink signaling message for an RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

20. (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 18, ~~in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH or URA_PCH mode,~~ wherein the uplink ~~signalling~~ signaling message for a Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~in case UE is in IDLE mode,~~ wherein the uplink signaling message for an RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, ~~in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH or URA_PCH mode,~~ wherein the uplink signaling message for a Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.